

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 26, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, and Walker.

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT City Manager Geyer, Deputy City Manager Loveland, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, came forward to pray for the City of Northglenn.

INTERVIEW:
Kimberly Bauer Kim Bauer came forward to be interviewed for a position on the Historic Preservation Commission. Kim spoke about her interest in serving on the Commission and her background related to historic preservation. Kim addressed questions from Council regarding current historic preservation projects and her work at the City of Louisville related to the Marshall Fire.

PRESENTATIONS:
Youth Commission
Annual Report Youth Commission Vice President Suyash Shrestha and Secretary Nazly Soufiani presented the 2023 Annual Youth Commission Report to City Council. The report highlighted the Commission's focus on public health initiatives, community engagement through

volunteerism, and aligning the bylaws with the current goals and values of the group, with an added emphasis on inclusivity. Some of the Commission's activities and accomplishments throughout 2023 included charity events such as a livestream gaming event to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities and a Flick and Float event to benefit Children's Hospital of Colorado. The Commission also hosted a poster contest to engage the community in addressing the youth substance addiction crisis. To prioritize civic engagement, Commissioners participated in park clean-up and flowerbed planting activities and attended City events such as Northglenn Pride and State of the City. Commissioners also attended the 2023 National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Washington D.C. to collaborate with youth commissions from municipalities nationwide. Looking ahead to 2024, the Commission plans to continue their focus on public health initiatives, specifically addressing youth addiction and food access issues. They also plan to expand community engagement efforts by establishing more community partnerships and leveraging social media for greater outreach.

Council thanked Suyash and Nazly for the report and discussed additional areas of interest to the Commission, such as desired amenities at Odell Barry Park, attendance at the 2024 NLC Conference, and membership recruiting efforts.

Colorado Department
of Transportation

Crystal Armendariz, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Local Government Liaison, and Andy Stratton, Region One Deputy Director of Program Delivery, provided a high-level overview of CDOT's responsibilities, major projects, funding sources, and strategic priorities, highlighting their commitment to improving transportation infrastructure and promoting alternative modes of transit.

There was discussion regarding the Bus Rapid Transit, Front Range Passenger Rail, and Bustang services, safety measures, and infrastructure maintenance prioritization. Council members raised concerns regarding response times to community complaints and asked questions regarding specific projects, such as the I-270 widening project. There was also discussion regarding House Bill 22-31 regarding transit-oriented corridor development, the Highway Use Transportation Fund (HUTF), CDOT's 10-year plan, the Revitalizing Main Streets program, and a potential partnership opportunity with Adams 12 Five Star Schools regarding the District's Future Forward program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for his prayer. He also expressed gratitude to City staff for hosting the Northglenn Police Department Awards Ceremony, noting that it was a great celebration of the dedication and heroism of the police officers who serve and protect the community.

Council member Burns expressed regret for missing the Northglenn Police Department Awards Ceremony and provided an update from her attendance at the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board meeting, where presentations were made by Lieutenant Shelley and Commander Lauck.

Council member Burns provided an update from the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. She reported the Committee took a position of support on House Bill 24-1283 concerning a requirement that the Secretary of State review a campaign finance complaint that arises out of a municipal campaign finance matter under certain circumstances, and a took a position of amend on House Bill 24-1313 concerning measures to increase the affordability of housing in transit-oriented communities.

Council member Jaramillo reported that he attended the Adams County Subregional Transportation Forum where updates were provided on improvement projects in Thornton and Commerce City, to include lane expansions on 104th Avenue and 88th Avenue to alleviate traffic congestion. Council member Jaramillo provided a report from the Outside Agency Funding Committee meeting where sponsorships were approved for the following 2024 events: Almost Home's *Spring Out of Homelessness Benefit* on May 10th and *Concert for a Cause* on September 28th; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Adams & Broomfield Counties' *Indulge for CASA* event on September 4th; Five Star Education Foundation's *Five Star Classic at Top Golf* on June 6th; Food for Hope's *Hope is Our Story Gala* on March 14th; and Ralston House's *Pinwheel Gardens* at Northglenn City Hall and Northglenn Justice Center during the month of April.

Council member Nowicki stated that he also attended the Outside Agency Funding Committee meeting and was happy to approve the sponsorships reported by Council member Jaramillo. Council member Nowicki reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa recently toured the Water Treatment Facility and the Wastewater Treatment Facility, noting that both are a source of pride for our community.

Council member Goff reported on her attendance at the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Board meeting, the

CC4CA Legislative Policy Committee meeting, and the Northglenn Police Department Awards Ceremony, which was a heartwarming and inspiring event. She also reported that she is helping to organize a memorial service for Nex Benedict at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m. All community members are invited to attend. Council member Goff called for everyone to be more compassionate, kind, and accepting of one another in honor of Nex, a 16-year-old high school student who passed away in Oklahoma on February 8th after suffering a violent attack by fellow students for being a non-binary person. Council member Goff commented on the tragic consequences of hate-based discrimination.

Council member Kondo provided updates from his attendance at a Colorado Municipal League (CML) legislative workshop, a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meeting where he was elected as the board Treasurer, an Adams 12 Five Star Schools Blueprint Task Force meeting, and a breakfast session with County Commissioner O'Dorisio regarding mobility solutions for elderly and infirm people. Council member Kondo stated he also attended the Police Department Awards Ceremony and praised the bravery and dedication of Northglenn's police force.

Council member Roper echoed sentiments about the Water Treatment Facility and Wastewater Treatment Facility tours being impressive. She also noted that the Northglenn Police Department Awards Ceremony was very inspiring.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on her attendance at an Adams 12 Five Star Schools Blueprint Task Force meeting, a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Committee meeting, the Water and Wastewater Treatment Facility tours, a Ralston House Board meeting, and the Northglenn Police Department Awards Ceremony. She expressed gratitude for the dedication of Northglenn's Police Department and emphasized the importance of supporting the mental health of officers.

Mayor Leighty expressed gratitude for Council's support during her recent absence. While away, she had an opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Caraveo in Washington D.C. Mayor Leighty stated she also enjoyed the Northglenn Police Department Awards Ceremony and highlighted the importance of acknowledging the successes of our outstanding Police Department, which will also be featured in the upcoming *Mayor's Monthly Minute*. Lastly, Mayor Leighty expressed excitement about Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company's upcoming production *Springtime in the Mourning*; she encouraged residents to also explore the excellent Northglenn Arts Presents programming at Parsons Theatre.

Staff

City Manager Geyer updated Council on the following items: the 10th Annual Colorado Public Health Parks and Recreation Collaborative Summit on February 23rd, Northglenn Senior Organization’s Pig Day Potluck on March 4th, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company’s performances of *Springtime in the Mourning* February 29th through March 1st, and Council’s upcoming tour of Jody Bliss’ Art Studio on April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

- The following items were approved on the consent agenda:
- February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - CR-64 – Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment – Joyce Downing
 - CR-65 – Planning Commission Reappointment – Stratus Mushabe
 - CR-66 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Suyash Shrestha
 - CR-68 – 2024 Janitorial Services
 - CR-69 – Public Works Capital Equipment Purchase
 - CR-70 – Parks Capital Equipment Purchase
 - CR-72 – Adams County St. Patrick’s Day Weekend DUI Saturation Patrols

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CB-2018 – Abandoned
& Removed Shopping
Carts in the Public
Right-of-Way

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2018 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2018. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:

CB-2018 – Abandoned
& Removed Shopping
Carts in the Public
Right-of-Way

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-2018 on second reading.

City Attorney Corey Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-2018.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-71 – 2024 Pay Plan
& Personnel Summary
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-71.

Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer Tamara Dixon provided a summary of CR-71.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

New City Hall Construction
Update – February 2024

Senior Planner Eric Ensey provided an update on the construction progress of the new City Hall, reporting that the project is currently on time and within budget. The slab failure issue is still awaiting a report from FCI's insurance provider. He highlighted significant progress in the installation of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, as well as drywall construction in the Council Chambers and community rooms. He noted the completion of exterior sheathing and the beginning of exterior paneling installation. Tentative dates were provided for the completion of various construction milestones, move-in, and opening of the new facility.

Council Protocol 7 –
Urgent Information
Communication to
City Council

City Manager Geyer presented proposed updates to Council Protocol 7 regarding urgent information communications to Council. The proposal is recommended to ensure alignment and understanding between staff and Council members. Definitions and examples of major incidents, emergency situations, operational situations, and multimedia postings were highlighted. Notable points included clarifications on notification procedures for Council members, news releases from City and Police Department Public Information Officers (PIOs), and the designation of a spokesperson for the City during incidents or emergencies. City Manager Geyer received Council consensus to bring a formal proposal back, as described, for Council approval at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman Hiromasa to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding: 1) the 112th Ditch and Roadway Project; and 2) executive session process.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor